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RE: Docket Nor. 2007-445-A

To Whom It May Concern:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma has reviewed the proposed regulation regarding Stretcher Vans in South Carolina. The Department found no conflict between this proposed regulation and our EMS Regulation 61-7. We would, however, like to suggest that the driver and assistant driver requirements be amended to include basic first aid training to conform with section C.2 of the proposed regulation; "[a]ppropriate basic first aid shall be initiated and continued until the EMS service has intercepted the transport or arrival at the hospital." By adding this requirement it can be assured that the crew members are able to provide appropriate basic first aid care to their passenger.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review these proposed regulations and commend your efforts to protect the citizens of South Carolina. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (803) 545-4204.

Sincerely,

Alonzo W. Smith
Director

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